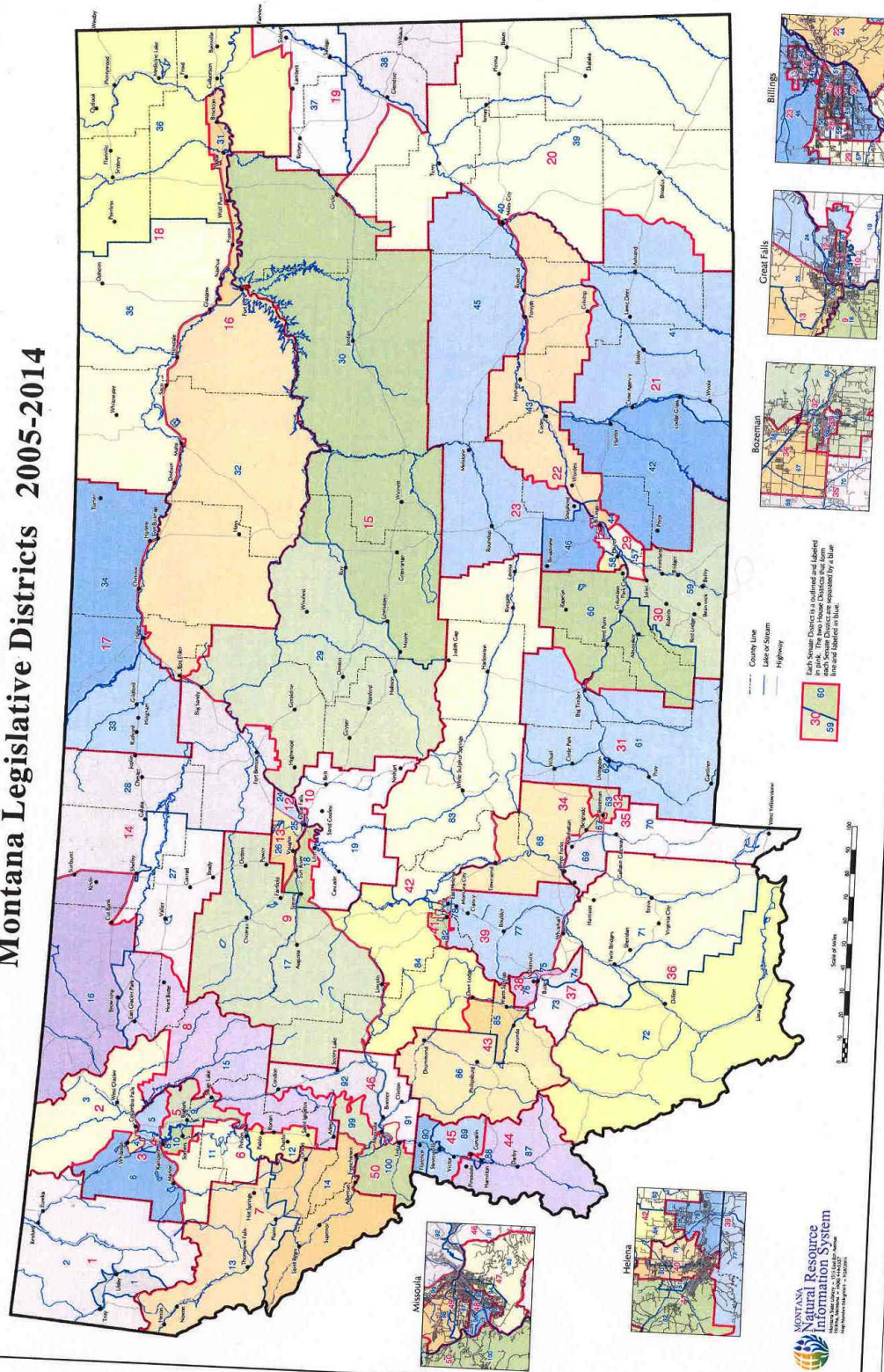


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**Services Provided to the
Citizens of the Treasure State by the
Montana Historical Society,
2007-2008
(Data arranged by county)**

Montana Legislative Districts 2005-2014



Introduction

The five operational programs of the Montana Historical Society—Research Center, Museum, Education and Outreach, Historic Preservation, and Publications—provide essential services to Treasure State citizens living in all of Montana's fifty-six counties. Listed below is a brief summary of just a few of the Society's statewide offerings for 2007 and 2008. On the pages that follow, more detail is given in regard to some of the specific services rendered to the residents of each county.

- **Montana County History Initiative:** The Montana County History Initiative (MCHI) is the Montana Historical Society's latest statewide outreach effort. The goals of this broad-based initiative are to *build relationships* among people working with Montana's local history and heritage resources, and to *provide support* in the form of training and expertise. The Montana Historical Society hopes to assist counties and local governments, museums, librarians, and educators in celebrating the riches of their own community heritage. Phase one of the project resulted in the creation of a statewide steering committee as well as the commitment to six (6) regional MCHI conferences funded by the Montana Historical Society.
- **Montana History Conference:** This highly anticipated annual event brings together quality speakers from across the state and nation to celebrate Montana heritage, regional history and local communities. Now entering its 36th year, the location of the Montana History Conference rotates around the state. In 2007 it was held in Helena, and in 2008 it was held in Glasgow and Fort Peck. Future conferences are scheduled for Great Falls (2009) and East Glacier (2010).
- **The Montana Memory Project:** The "Montana Memory Project" is an on-line collection of digital materials relating to Montana's cultural heritage. Access is free and open through the Internet. Many of the items housed in the Montana Memory Project are digitized copies of historic material; some items are contemporary. All serve as a resource for education, business, pleasure, and lifelong learning. Many Montana **libraries, museums, archives, and cultural institutions** have added and are in the process of adding materials to this comprehensive collection. Contents include digital newspapers, maps, copies of photographs, rare books, historic documents, diaries, oral histories, audio and video clips, paintings, illustrations, art, etc. The Montana Historical Society Research Center provides financial and technical support for the project, and is a contributing institution.
- **Montana History Wiki:** The Montana History Wiki is an online electronic collection of information gathered to help guide researchers to the resources available through the Montana Historical Society Research Center. It is designed to assist researchers in finding the best resource for their projects or topics. The wiki includes sources not available elsewhere, such as indexes for the MHS Montana Newspaper holdings and vertical files. The Wiki also contains collaborative projects designed to meet the needs of particular groups: these include the Lewis and Clark County History Project and the County Initiative supported Montana County History Project. It includes bibliographies for a wide range of Montana topics from Montana African Americans to Women's Clubs as well as a section on Montana Trivia. The Montana History Wiki is designed to expand with the needs of and evolving interests of

Montana's citizens and others interested in Montana's rich history and cultural heritage.

- **Montana: Stories of the Land:** In 2008 the Historical Society published a much-needed and long-awaited, middle school-level, state history textbook. Due to generous grants from the Washington Foundation, the Steele-Reese Foundation, and the Office of Public Instruction-Indian Education for All Office, the Society was able to donate 5,000 free copies of this textbook to 141 schools located in fifty-four counties. Efforts are currently under way to secure private funding to pay for the printing and donation of 5,000 additional copies of the textbook for schools that did not receive them in the initial application process.
- **Footlocker and Curriculum Resources:** The Montana Historical Society provides a wide range of resources created for use in the classroom and by home-schools. Footlockers contain hands-on objects and User Guides on nineteen different topics; the User Guides provide instructions for classroom/home-school use and include historical narratives, a bibliography, lessons, and information on the ways in which these resources comply with Montana Standards for Social Studies guidelines. The Society also offers a selection of online curriculum guides on Montana-history themes for use in the classroom. For students researching the State's history, our website offers an online *Guide to the History of the State*.
- **Exhibits and Tours:** The Montana Historical Society Museum features both long-term and temporary exhibits. Currently, the Education and Outreach Program offers a variety of docent-led, age-appropriate tours of the Montana Homeland exhibit and the Mackay Gallery of Charles M. Russell Art. Pre-visit and post-visit lesson for some tours are also available on-line for teachers to complete with their students before and after their visits to the Museum. In addition we offer guided tours of the Montana state capitol, "the People's House," and the Original Governor's Mansion. School and other youth groups, adult groups, and individual citizens from all parts of the state regularly take advantage of these offerings. In addition to in-house exhibits, the Museum also maintains an active traveling exhibit program, making available high-quality exhibits to museums and other educational institutions all across the state.

In addition to these state-wide services, the Historical Society's **Publications Program** produces the quarterly, award-winning, *Montana the Magazine of Western History* as well as books related to a wide variety of western history topics. What follows is a listing of some of the Press' most significant accomplishments:

- **Montana The Magazine of Western History** is published and delivered to people statewide; Montana looks at the history of Montana and the West both broadly and specifically. The magazine has been continuously published since 1951. A flagship for the Montana Historical Society, it keeps Montanans around the world in touch with their homes.
- The magazine is the state's journal of record, the official outlet for the results of new research in Montana and western history, much of which is based on work in the Montana Historical Society's library, photo archives, and museum.
- An average of 9,500 copies of *Montana The Magazine of Western History* are printed and distributed each quarter. Magazines are sent to people across Montana and in all

- fifty states and over a dozen foreign countries each quarter. Magazines are sold on newsstands throughout Montana and across the nation.
- *Montana The Magazine of Western History* is the featured popular magazine for the Western History Association (WHA), the professional organization of historians of the American West. Approximately 1,400 WHA members receive the magazine each quarter.
 - In the past decade, articles in *Montana The Magazine of Western History* have won five Spur Awards from the Western Writers of America for best short nonfiction articles; two Theodore Blegen Prizes for best articles on environmental history; two Wrangler Awards from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum for best short nonfiction articles; the Michael Malone Award from the Western History Association for best article on state/regional history; the Mormon History Association T. Edgar Lyon Award; and have been a finalist for the Army Historical Foundation's Distinguished Writing Award and the Envirotech Distinguished article award. The magazine's articles have been Spur Award runner-ups eight times.
 - Students, teachers, library patrons, and researchers of every stripe use the Magazine's on-line and published indexes to delve into over five decades of back issues. These issues form the most extensive body of published material about Montana in existence. PDFs are available through Proquest, a database widely used by secondary schools.
 - In 2008, the Magazine's complete print run became available to researchers worldwide as a part of JSTOR. JSTOR is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping the scholarly community discover, use, and build upon a wide range of intellectual content in a trusted digital archive. It is one of the primary source of information for historians researching a wide variety of topics.
 - **The Montana Historical Society Press**—which publishes peer-reviewed trade and scholarly books and is the state's only academic press—has over fifty books in print. The MHS Press celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2007.
 - In the past biennium, the MHS Press published *Copper Chorus: Mining, Politics, and the Montana Press, 1889–1959* by UM journalism professor Dennis L. Swibold; the definitive Montana history textbook, *Montana, Stories of the Land*, by Krys Holmes; *Montana Historical Highway Markers*, edited by Jon Axline; *Guide to Historic Bozeman* by former Bozeman historic reservation officer Jim Jenks, number seven in the Montana Mainstreets series; and *Conveniences Sorely Needed: Montana's Historic Highway Bridges, 1860–1956* by Jon Axline; and *The History of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana, 1800–2000* by Joe McGeschick, David Miller, Jim Shanley, Caleb Shields, and Dennis Smith, co-published with the Fort Peck Tribes.
 - Upcoming MHS Press titles include *Border to Border: A History of Montana Quilts and Quiltmakers*; the definitive reference on Montana names, *Montana Place Names from Alzada to Zortman*; and *The Red Corner: Radicalism in Northeastern Montana, 1900–1940*.
 - In the past decade, MHS Press books have won numerous prizes, including the Montana Book Award; Western Writers of America Spur Award for best contemporary nonfiction western book; two American Association for State and Local History's Award of Merit; Eastern National Author Award; and have been

finalists for the High Plains Book Awards Best First Book Award; the WILLA Literary Award, awarded annually for outstanding literature featuring women's stories set in the West; and the Publishers Association of the West's U.S. Western Book and Production Award.

- Press revenue was used to create an annual calendar of historical photographs, which is sold in bookstores around the state
- The Publications program continues to mentor students interested in careers in history and publishing through internships that further their education and build their resumes. Furthermore, the program annually recognizes the historical research and writing of outstanding students with its Merrill G. Burlingame–K. Ross Toole Award.

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Recent Services Provided in Beaverhead County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Beaverhead County. This includes 26 walk-in visits, 8 remote requests, and 4 photograph orders from Beaverhead County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Gold West Country Regional Conference, “*Documenting the Golden Treasures of Our Past*” will be held in Clancy, Montana, February 2, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided 4 educational and training programs to residents of Beaverhead County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops. **Highlighted event:** “Oral History 101” workshop for the Beaverhead Hunters Genealogical Society, November 2008.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Beaverhead County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (2 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Beaverhead County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 235 individuals from Beaverhead County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 105 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Beaverhead County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated classroom sets of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 5 schools in Beaverhead County: Wisdom, Polaris Elementary, Jackson, Reichle, and Dillon Schools

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 72 new reports of cultural resource studies in Beaverhead County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 1804 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Beaverhead County.
- In the past two years, 16 new archaeological and 58 new historic sites in Beaverhead County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 18 properties in Beaverhead County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. Properties listed in the National Register in 2007-2008 are: *Elkhorn-Coolidge Historic District* (listed 09/12/2008) and *Van Camp-Tash Ranch, near Dillon* (listed 04/16/2008).
- \$18,185 in SHPO funds were awarded to preservation projects in Beaverhead County during 2007-2008. These were used for the rehabilitation and nomination to the National Register of the Wold-Cue

Barn in Melrose and for the National Register nomination of the Elkhorn-Coolidge Historic District on the Beaverhead National Forest.

- In September 2008, SHPO Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth and Cultural Records Manager Damon Murdo assisted the Montana DNRC in archaeological survey in the Clark Canyon Reservoir area near Dillon.

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Recent Services Provided in Big Horn County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Big Horn County. This includes 14 walk-in visits, 2 remote requests, and 1 photograph order from Big Horn County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Custer Country Regional Conference, “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, 2008.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research request to residents and organizations of Big Horn County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 43 individuals from Big Horn County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 25 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Big Horn County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated classrooms sets of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Hardin Middle School in Big Horn County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 60 new reports of cultural resource studies in Big Horn County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 2414 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO maintained by SHPO for Big Horn County.
- In the past two years, 72 new archaeological and 24 new historic sites in Big Horn County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 38 properties in Big Horn County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- Rosebud Battlefield (Where the Girl Saved Her Brother) was designated a National Historic Landmark (NHL) on October 6, 2008.
- Hardin-Big Horn County receives annual matching financial (\$5,500) and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office as an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program. Mary Slattery of Hardin is the designated local historic preservation officer.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Blaine County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Blaine County. This includes 15 walk-in visits, remote request and 1 photograph order by Blaine County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Russell Country Regional Conference, “*Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get the Job Done!*” will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training program to residents of Blaine County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (43 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Blaine County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 3 research requests to residents and organizations of Blaine County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone
- Over 1600 people saw one of MHS traveling exhibits displayed at Blaine County Museum in Chinook

Education and Outreach

- 156 individuals from Blaine County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 50 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Blaine County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated 1 classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Hays/Lodgepole School district in Blaine County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 109 new reports of cultural resource studies in Blaine County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 1589 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO maintained by SHPO for Blaine County.
- In the past two years, 115 new archaeological and 37 new historic sites in Blaine County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 6 properties in Blaine County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- The Blaine County properties most recently listed in the National Register are: *Dave’s Texaco, in Chinook* (listed on 8/16/1999) and the *Lodgepole Community Hall* (listed on 2/24/2000).

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Recent Services Provided in Broadwater County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Broadwater County. This includes 51 walk-in visits, 1 remote request, and 2 photograph orders from Broadwater County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Gold West Country Regional Conference, “*Documenting the Golden Treasures of Our Past*” will be held in Clancy, Montana, February 2, 2009.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (7 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Broadwater County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (5 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 3 research requests to residents and organizations of Broadwater county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 465 individuals from Broadwater County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 158 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Broadwater County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Townsend Middle School in Broadwater County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed four new reports of cultural resource studies in Broadwater County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 773 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Broadwater County.
- In the past two years, 11 new archaeological and 14 new historic sites in Broadwater County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are six properties in Broadwater County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- The most recent NR-listed property in Broadwater County is the *Toston Bridge* (listed on July 20, 2005).

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Recent Services Provided in Carbon County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Carbon County. This includes 10 walk-in visits, 10 remote requests and 1 photograph order from Carbon County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** * training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Yellowstone Country Regional Conference Committee. “*Digging Up Treasure: Preserving Your Past Through Objects and Oral History*” Conference will be held in Columbus, Montana, April 24-25, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training program to residents of Carbon County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research request to residents and organizations of Carbon county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 30 individuals from Carbon County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Fromberg High School in Carbon County
- There was one property, the Red Lodge Brewery, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in Carbon County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 37 new reports of cultural resource studies in Carbon County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 1513 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Carbon County.
- In the past two years, 17 new archaeological and 45 new historic sites in Carbon County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 64 properties in Carbon County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. New National Register properties listed in 2007-2008 are: the *Kero Farmstead Historic District* (listed on 08/16/2007) and the *Red Lodge Brewery/Cannery Historic District* (listed on 09/05/2007).
- Carbon County receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office as an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program. Debra Hronek, Carbon County Historical Society, in Red Lodge is the current local historic preservation officer.
- Red Lodge is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.

- \$26,491 in SHPO funds were awarded to preservation efforts and projects in Carbon County in 2007-2008. This includes \$11,000 in support for the Carbon County CLG, \$14,991 *Preserve America* funding for new community historic survey in Red Lodge, and a \$500 scholarship to attend the 2008 History Conference.
- SHPO organized a meeting of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board in Red Lodge on June 22-23, 2007.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Carter County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Carter County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Custer Country Regional Conference, “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁸.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training program to residents of Carbon County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops. **Highlighted event:** “Archival Preservation” and “Montana Depression-Era Governors” workshop and presentation to Carter County Museum, February 15, 2007.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).

Education and Outreach

- 6 individuals from Carter County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 25 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Carter County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Ekalaka School in Carter County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 47 new reports of cultural resource studies in Carter County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 979 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Carter County.
- In the past two years, 11 new archaeological and 11 new historic sites in Carter County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.

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Recent Services Provided in Cascade County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Cascade County. This includes 131 walk-in visits, 21 remote requests, and 11 photograph orders from Cascade County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Russell County Regional Conference Committee. *Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get The Job Done!* Conference will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided 9 educational and training programs to residents of Cascade County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops. Highlighted event: *Introduction to Montana History Wiki and its uses for librarians*, Montana Library Association Annual meeting. **Highlighted service:** Photograph archives staff served as consultants to C.M. Russell curator regarding identification of vintage photographs.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (11 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Cascade County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (6 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

The Museum staff responded to 20 research requests to residents and organizations of Cascade county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 1044 individuals from Cascade County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 479 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Cascade County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 5 schools in Cascade County
- There were 2 special programs provided by our Historical Interpreter that reached 40 individuals in Cascade County
- There was one special program provided by our Education and Research Center for 150 Great Falls students from 14 different schools. It was partnered with the History Museum in Great Falls.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 14 new reports of cultural resource studies in Cascade County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 1117 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Cascade County.
- In the past two years, 22 new archaeological and 68 new historic sites in Cascade County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.

- There are 40 properties in Cascade County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed properties are the *Great Falls Central Business Historic District* (listed on 08/19/2004), the *Belt Commercial Historic District* (listed on 12/23/2004), and the *Charlie and Nancy Russell Honeymoon Cabin in Cascade* (listed on 12/12/2005).
- Great Falls-Cascade County receives annual matching financial (\$5,500) and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office as an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program. Ellen Sievert in Great Falls is the current local historic preservation officer.
- Great Falls is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$34,500 in SHPO funds were awarded to preservation efforts and projects in Cascade County in 2007-2008. This includes \$11,000 support for the Great Falls-Cascade County CLG, \$13,500 in *Preserve America* project funding, and a \$10,000 “barn grant” for the rehabilitation of the Adams Stone Barn.
- Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, presented information in a historic building rehabilitation workshop sponsored by Great Falls on April 27, 2007.
- Rolene Schliesman, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator, helped lead community historic preservation planning meetings in Great Falls and Belt, August 2007.
- SHPO Mark Baumler participated in onsite consultation meetings for the SME Great Falls Highwood Generating Plant project proposal.

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Recent Services Provided in Chouteau County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Chouteau County. This includes 28 walk-in visits, 5 remote requests, and two photograph orders from Chouteau County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Russell County Regional Conference, “*Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get The Job Done!*” will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided 2 educational and training programs to residents of Chouteau County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Added collection materials from or about Chouteau County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation)

Education and Outreach

- 23 individuals from Choteau County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 3 schools in Choteau County
- There was one property in Choteau County listed in the National Register of Historic Places: First Bank of Geraldine

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 15 new reports of cultural resource studies in Chouteau County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 956 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Chouteau County.
- In the past two years, 28 new archaeological and 29 new historic sites in Chouteau County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 28 properties in Chouteau County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. Properties listed in 2007-2008 include the *First National Bank of Geraldine* (listed on 01/09/2008).
- Fort Benton is a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$17,714 in SHPO funding was awarded to Choteau County for preservation projects in 2007-2008. This included \$14,200 of *Preserve America* funding to Fort Benton and \$3,514 for the preparation of a National Register nomination of the Eagle Butte School.
- Kate Hampton, SHPO National Register Coordinator assisted Geraldine High School students in researching a proposed nomination of the Square Butte School to the National Register of Historic Places.

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Recent Services Provided in Custer County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Custer County. This includes 29 walk-in visits, 5 remote requests, and 1 photograph order from Custer County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative** (see introduction for more information) training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Custer Country Regional Conference Committee. “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” Conference was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, 2008.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (11 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Custer County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (5 donations/acquisitions)

Education and Outreach

- 22 individuals from Custer County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 32 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Custer County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Custer County District High School in Custer County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 24 new reports of cultural resource studies in Custer County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 931 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Custer County.
- There are 15 properties in Custer County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed properties are the *Thomas and Beulah Shore House, Miles City* (listed on 12/18/2003) and the *Walrond and Elizabeth Snell House, Miles City* (listed on 9/11/2003).
- Miles City receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office as an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program. Amorette Allison in Miles City is the current local historic preservation officer.
- \$13,000 in SHPO funding was awarded to Custer County for historic preservation in 2007-2008. This includes \$11,000 for the Miles City CLG program and a \$2,000 grant from the Montana Historical Society Sobotka Trust for archaeology research by the Bureau of Land Management at Deadman Cave.
- Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, met with owners of the Olive Hotel in Miles City in 2007 to discuss potential federal historic rehabilitation tax credits.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Daniels County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Daniels County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Missouri River Country Regional Conference, “Celebrating Counties and Communities” will be held in Sidney, Montana, May 1-2, 2009.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).

Education and Outreach

- 20 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Daniels County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Scobey Schools in Daniels County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed six new reports of cultural resource studies in Daniels County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 94 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Daniels County.
- There are currently three properties in Daniels County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. They are the: *Daniels County Courthouse* (listed on 4/4/1995), *Mansfield A. Daniels House* (listed on 6/4/1997), and *Lapierre Barn* (listed on 4/11/2005).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Dawson County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Dawson County. This includes 3 walk-in visits and 4 remote requests from Dawson County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Custer Country Regional Conference, “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁸.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (3 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Dawson County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research request to residents and organizations of county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 53 individuals from Dawson County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 20 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Dawson County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Dawson Co. rural Schools in Dawson County
- There were 4 properties in Dawson County listed in the National Register of Historic Places: the McAusland residence, Coleman residence, Nannie Alderson House, and the Kelly Residence.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 12 new reports of cultural resource studies in Dawson County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 409 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Dawson County.
- In the past two years, two new archaeological and three new historic sites in Dawson County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 12 properties in Dawson County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including the *Hagan Archaeological Site* which is a recognized National Historic Landmark (NHL).
- SHPO held the meeting of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board in Glendive on September 28-29, 2007. Interested members of the community had an opportunity to meet members of the Board and a tour of the historic downtown was arranged.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Deer Lodge County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Deer Lodge County. This includes walk-in visits by 13 patrons from Deer Lodge County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Gold West Country Regional Conference, “*Documenting the Golden Treasures of Our Past*” will be held in Clancy, Montana, February 2, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training programs to residents of Deer Lodge County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).
- Added collection materials from or about Deer Lodge County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (3 donation) **Highlighted collection:** Winifred Vine Estate donation of 16mm films (1960s and 1970s) of local events and Anaconda Mining Company operations.

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 2 research requests to residents and organizations of county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 22 individuals from Deer Lodge County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 22 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Deer Lodge County Classrooms
- There is 1 property in Deer Lodge County that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Roundhouse and Turntable.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 9 new reports of cultural resource studies in Deer Lodge County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 395 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Deer Lodge County.
- In the past two years, 10 new archaeological and 22 new historic sites in Deer Lodge County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 33 properties in Deer Lodge County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including four historic districts in Anaconda within the Butte-Anaconda National Historic Landmark. New properties listed in 2007-2008 are the *Anaconda Saddle Club* (listed on 01/24/2007).
- Anaconda-Deer Lodge County receives annual matching financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office as an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified

Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program. Connie Ternes-Daniels in Anaconda is the current local historic preservation officer.

- Anaconda-Deer Lodge County is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$2,000 in SHPO funding was awarded to preservation efforts in Deer Lodge County in 2007-2008 as follows: \$1,500 for the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County CLG program (on hiatus in 2007) and a \$500 scholarship to attend the 2008 Montana History Conference.
- SHPO provided a copy set of hundreds of individual property inventory forms for Anaconda's historic districts to replace local files that had been misplaced.
- SHPO staff also met with the Anaconda city manager in 2008 to review rehabilitation projects at the Anaconda Trolley Barn and Railroad Roundhouse.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Fallon County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Fallon County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Custer Country Regional Conference, “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, 2008.
- The Research Center staff provided 3 educational and training programs to residents of Fallon County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.

Education and Outreach

- 85 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Fallon County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Plevna School in Fallon County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 90 new reports of cultural resource studies in Fallon County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 505 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Fallon County.
- In the past two years, 11 new archaeological and 12 new historic sites in Fallon County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are currently two properties in Fallon County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. They are the *Fallon County Jail* (listed on 7/31/1999) and the *Baker Hotel* (listed on 1/5/2005).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Fergus County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Fergus County. This includes 11 walk-in visits, 7 remote requests, and 4 photograph orders from Fergus County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** * training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Russell County Regional Conference Committee. *Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get The Job Done!* Conference will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided 5 educational and training programs to residents of Fergus County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (3 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Fergus County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (4 donations/acquisitions) **Highlighted collection:** Lewistown Public Library donated 404 glass negatives and 267 film negatives of Lewistown and vicinity.

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 3 research requests to residents and organizations of county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 113 individuals from Fergus County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 73 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Fergus County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 3 schools in Fergus County
- There are 5 new National Register signs in Fergus County: Weideman Apartments, Slater Block, Hopkins **Grocery, Hogeland House, and McCarthy-Pederson Farm**

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 24 new reports of cultural resource studies in Fergus County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 834 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Fergus County.
- In the past two years, 7 new archaeological and 41 new historic sites in Fergus County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 40 properties in Fergus County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. New properties listed in 2007-2008 are the *Lewistown Satellite Airfield Historic District - Boundary Increase II* (listed on 1/17/2007) and the *Abraham Hogeland and Mary Walton House* (listed on 5/24/2007).

- Bob Valach of Lewistown has been a member of the Governor-appointed State Preservation Review Board since 2003 (President 2008-2009). The Review Board approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning.
- Kate Hampton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, presented a National Register workshop in Lewistown on May 15, 2007 in conjunction with the Lewistown Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony.
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Lewistown receives annual matching financial (\$5,500) and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Duane Ferdinand is the current local historic preservation officer.
- Lewistown is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$39,025 in SHPO funds was awarded for preservation efforts and projects in Fergus County in 2007-2008. This included \$11,500 in support of the Lewistown CLG program, and a \$5,725 *Preserve America* grant for the production of a Lewistown walking tour brochure of historic districts, and \$21,800 towards the rehabilitation and National Register nomination of the big barn on the Mountain View Ranch (aka Naylor Brothers Ranch) near Buffalo.
- The SHPO assisted the owner of the Judith Theater in their application for Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits that incentivized a \$729,062 rehabilitation of the building.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Flathead County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Flathead County. This includes 67 walk-in visits, 24 remote requests, and 8 photograph orders from Flathead County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Glacier Country Regional Conference, “Changing Landscapes” will be held in Missoula, Montana, May 7-8, 2009
- The Research Center staff provided 4 educational and training programs to residents of Flathead County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops. Highlighted event: Workshop on Montana Memory Project and digitization projects for members of library and museum community in Columbia Falls, 2008.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Flathead County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (9 donations/acquisitions) **Highlighted items:** Flathead Valley Cowbells Records (1963-1987); Flathead County Library donated 139 b & w stereo mounts, including N.A. Forsyth views of Native Americans, and Glacier and Yellowstone.

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 25 research requests to residents and organizations of county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Over 1,000 people saw two of MHS traveling exhibits displayed in Flathead County.

Education and Outreach

- 2515 individuals from Flathead County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 767 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Flathead County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 9 schools in Flathead County.
- There are 4 new National Register signs in Flathead County: Boyd’s Shop, McAllester House, Lee/ONeil House, and Conrad/Tobie Residence.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 9 new reports of cultural resource studies in Flathead County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- In August 2007, Stan Wilmoth, SHPO Archaeologist, met with multi-agency state, federal and tribal parties in a two-day workshop in Kalispell to discuss cultural resource management planning for the Hungry Horse Reservoir.
- There are 978 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Flathead County.

- In the past two years, five new archaeological and 14 new historic sites in Flathead County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 131 properties in Flathead County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, many of them in Kalispell and Glacier National Park. New properties listed in the period 2007-2008 are the *Lake Macdonald Lodge Coffee Shop* (listed 10/14/2008) and *Wheeler Camp (Boundary Increase)* (listed on 10/24/2008).
- Tim Light of Kalispell has been a member of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board since 2004. The Review Board approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning.
- Kalispell is a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$12,500 in SHPO Preserve America funding was awarded to Kalispell in 2008 for expanded survey of the downtown historic district. Additional *Preserve America* funding supported a Montana Historical Society teacher workshop on Oct 1, 2008 for using the new Montana History textbook.
- The Bruyer Granary Restoration Project in Kalispell received a 2007 Montana Historic Preservation Award at the biennial Preservation Awards Ceremony in Helena on January 17, 2007.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Gallatin County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Gallatin County. This includes 174 walk-in visits, 21 remote requests, and 44 photograph orders from Gallatin County residents (including 13 copy prints for use in Bozeman School district classrooms).
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Yellowstone Country Regional Conference Committee. *“Digging Up Treasure: Preserving Your Past Through Objects and Oral History”* Conference will be held in Columbus, Montana, April 24-25, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided 6 educational and training programs to residents of Gallatin County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (6 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Gallatin County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (12 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 13 research requests to residents and organizations of Gallatin county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.

Education and Outreach

- 1346 individuals from Gallatin County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 685 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Gallatin County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 4 schools in Gallatin County.
- There are 4 new National Register signs in Gallatin County: 715 Seventh Avenue, B Bar K, Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority House, and Nelson Story Jr. House.
- MHS Historical Interpreter, Ellen Baumler, gave presentations to 224 individuals in Gallatin County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 18 new reports of cultural resource studies in Gallatin County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 1089 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Gallatin County.
- In the past two years, three new archaeological and 23 new historic sites in Gallatin County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 104 properties, including 10 Bozeman historic districts, in Gallatin County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. New properties listed in the period 2007-2008 are the *Stateler Memorial Methodist Church*, *Willow Creek* (listed on 7/29/2008).

- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Bozeman receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Allyson Bristor and Courtney Kramer in the Bozeman City Planning Office are the current local historic preservation officers.
- Bozeman is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$12,628 in SHPO funding was awarded to preservation efforts in Gallatin County in 2007-2008. This included \$11,500 in matching support of the Bozeman CLG program and \$1,128 to assist in the nomination of the Stateler Memorial Methodist Church in Willow Creek to the national Register of Historic Places.
- SHPO provided file support and preface to *A Guide to Historic Bozeman*, Montana Mainstreets, Volume 7, by Jim Jenks, published by the Montana Historical Society Press in 2007.
- In 2007 and 2008, Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, met onsite with developers of the Story Mill Redevelopment project in Bozeman, as well as with Montana State University facility management staff for projects on campus and at the Red Bluff Stage Stop.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Garfield County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Garfield County. This includes 3 walk-in visits and 1 photograph order by Garfield County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Missouri River Country Regional Conference, “Celebrating Counties and Communities” will be held in Sidney, Montana, May 1-2, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).
- Added collection materials from or about Garfield County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation).

Education and Outreach

- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Jordan Public School and Sand Spring Elementary School in Garfield County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 49 new reports of cultural resource studies in Garfield County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 367 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Garfield County.
- In the past two years, one new historic site in Garfield County has been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There is one property in Garfield County currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *Hornaday Camp* (listed on 3/26/1991).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Glacier County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Glacier County. This includes 17 walk-in visits, 2 remote requests, and 3 photograph orders from Glacier County residents (including 22 copy prints for Glacier County Historical Society for research).
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Glacier Country Regional Conference Committee. “Changing Landscapes: A Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)” Conference will be held in Missoula, Montana, May 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (4 request).
- Added collection materials from or about Glacier County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation) Highlighted item: Lottie Devereaux Bond Reminiscence regarding her childhood memories of and later teaching experience in Browning, Montana (1932-1971).

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research requests to residents and organizations of Glacier county **on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone**

Education and Outreach

- 106 individuals from Glacier County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 60 students used the Educational Footlockers in the glacier County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, Montana: Stories of the Land, to Cut Bank and Browning Schools in Glacier County.
- There are 2 new National Register signs in Glacier County: Wheeler Cabin and Cut Bank Airport.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 28 new reports of cultural resource studies in Glacier County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 1070 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Glacier County.
- In the past two years, five new archaeological and 29 new historic sites in Glacier County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 32 properties in Glacier County currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. New properties listed in the 2007-2008 are the *Cut Bank Municipal Airport and Army Air Force Base* (listed on 1/29/2008), *St. Mary Visitor Center* (listed on 4/15/2008), *Logan Pass Visitor Center* (listed on 4/15/2008), and *Chief Mountain Border Station and Quarters* (listed on 5/20/2008).

- Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, worked closely with Glacier National Park in various building projects, including rehabilitation of the Going-to-the-Sun Road to preserve its status as a National Historic Landmark.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Golden Valley County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Golden Valley County. This includes walk-in visits by 2 patrons from Golden Valley County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Custer Country Regional Conference, “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁸.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 request).
- Added collection materials from or about Golden Valley County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation)

Education and Outreach

- 15 individuals from Golden Valley County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 25 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Golden Valley County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Ryegate and Lavina Schools in Golden Valley County.
- There is 1 new National Register signs in Golden Valley County: Lavina State Bank

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed one new report of cultural resource studies in Golden Valley County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 133 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Golden Valley County.
- In the past two years, 13 new historic sites in Golden Valley County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are currently five properties in Golden Valley County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. New properties listed in the period 2007-2008 are: the *Lavina State Bank* (listed on 12/17/2007).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Granite County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Granite County. This includes walk-in visits by 7 patrons from Granite County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Gold West Country Regional Conference, “*Documenting the Golden Treasures of Our Past*” will be held in Clancy, Montana, February 2, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training program to residents of Granite County through presentations, consultations, tours, or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Added collection materials from or about Granite County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research requests to residents and organizations of Granite county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.

Education and Outreach

- 95 individuals from Granite County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 20 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Granite County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Drummond Schools in Granite County.
- There is 1 new National Register signs in Granite County: First Presbyterian Church.
- MHS Historical Interpreter, Ellen Baumler, gave presentations to 21 individuals in Granite County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 20 new reports of cultural resource studies in Granite County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 964 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Granite County.
- In the past two years, one new archaeological and 20 new historic sites in Granite County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 10 properties in Granite County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Morgan-Case Homestead* (listed on 2/9/2005).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Hill County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Hill County. This includes 24 walk-in visits, 13 remote requests and 3 photograph orders from Hill County residents (including 19 copy prints ordered for classroom use in Box Elder).
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Russell Country Regional Conference, “*Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get The Job Done!*” will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28th, 2009.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (3 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Hill County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (4 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research requests to residents and organizations of Hill county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 52 individuals from Hill County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 40 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Hill County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to North Star Schools in Rudyard in Hill County
- There is 1 new National Register signs in Hill County: Carlin House
- MHS Historical Interpreter, Ellen Baumler gave presentations to 21 individuals at the Clack Museum

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 27 new reports of cultural resource studies in Hill County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 1020 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Hill County.
- In the past two years, 10 new archaeological and six new historic sites in Hill County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 8 properties in Hill County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Helme Oil Company, Havre* (listed on 8/16/1994).
- SHPO organized a meeting of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board in Havre, October 3-4, 2008, held in the Masonic Lodge building. The Review Board approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning. Members of the community had an opportunity to meet the Board and tours were made of the Masonic Lodge, Beaver Creek Park, and Fort Assiniboine.

- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Havre-Hill County receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Becki Miller is the current local historic preservation officer.
- Havre and Hill County are also designated *Preserve America* communities eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$24,100 in SHPO funding was awarded to preservation projects and efforts in Hill County in 2007-2008. This included \$11,000 in support of the Havre-Hill County CLG program, \$7,100 of *Preserve America* project funding, \$1,000 in heritage training scholarships, and a \$5,000 matching grant for the preservation of the Cavalry Stable at Fort Assiniboine.
- SHPO staff provided expertise in the inspection of a human remains discovery site outside of Havre in March, 2007.
- SHPO also provided technical preservation expertise and support in securing funding sources to owners of the former Havre Post Office.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Jefferson County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Jefferson County. This includes 146 walk-in visits, 4 remote requests, and 11 photograph orders from Jefferson County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** * training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Gold West Country Regional Conference Committee. “*Documenting the Golden Treasures of Our Past*” Conference will be held in Clancy, Montana, February 2, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided 3 educational and training programs to residents of Jefferson County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (3 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Jefferson County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (9 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 2 research requests to residents and organizations of Jefferson county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 635 individuals from Jefferson County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 15 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Jefferson County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 5 schools in Jefferson County.
- There are 4 new National Register signs in Jefferson County: Fraternity Hall, Montana State School, Montana State School (in Braille) Jefferson county Courthouse
- MHS Historical Interpreter Ellen Baumler gave presentations to 163 individuals in Jefferson County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 13 new reports of cultural resource studies in Jefferson County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- SHPO staff met several times in 2007-2008 in Boulder with residents and commission members to discuss community preservation programs and projects. Rolene Schliesman, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator, presented “The National Register of Historic Places: Fact or Fiction” on July 15, 2008.
- There are 1370 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Jefferson County.
- In the past two years, one new archaeological and 30 new historic sites in Jefferson County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.

- There are eight properties in Jefferson County currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *MacHaffie Archaeological Site* (listed on 4/3/1986).
- Jefferson County is a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$2,500 in SHPO *Preserve America* scholarships was awarded to Jefferson County in 2007-2008 to support travel to heritage training venues.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Judith Basin County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Judith Basin County. This includes 12 walk-in visits and 3 photograph orders from Judith Basin County residents (including 15 copy prints for exhibit in public library).
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Russell Country Regional Conference, “*Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get The Job Done!*” will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28th, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training program to residents of Judith Basin through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).
- Added collection materials from or about Judith Basin County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (2 donations/acquisitions)

Education and Outreach

- 8 individuals from Judith Basin County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 15 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Judith Basin County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Hobson and Geyser Schools in Judith Basin County
- There is 1 new National Register signs in Judith Basin County: Wood Lawn Farms

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed five new reports of cultural resource studies in Judith Basin County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 333 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Judith Basin County.
- In the past two years, 16 new historic sites in Judith Basin County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are three properties in Judith Basin County currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: *Judith River Ranger Station* (listed on 4/10/1992), *Meadowbrook Stock Farm* (listed on 1/13/1992), and *Wood Lawn Farm* (listed on 1/27/1993).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Lake County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Lake County. This includes 36 walk-in visits, 11 remote requests, and 5 photograph orders from Lake County residents (including 23 copy prints for land history project).
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Glacier Country Regional Conference, “Changing Landscapes” will be held in Missoula, Montana, May 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided 2 educational and training programs to residents of Lake County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (11 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Lake County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (4 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- Over 1000 people saw 2 of MHS traveling exhibits in Lake County

Education and Outreach

- 334 individuals from Lake County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 430 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Lake County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 5 schools in Lake County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed two new reports of cultural resource studies in Lake County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws. The Montana SHPO works cooperatively with Marcia Cross, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribal Historic Preservation Officer in compliance activities on the reservation.
- There are 278 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Lake County.
- In the past two years, three new historic sites in Lake County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are eight properties in Lake County currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. New properties listed in the period of 2007-2008 include the *Big Arm School* (listed on 8/16/2007).
- In September 2008, Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, participated in an on-site preservation workshop hosted by the Montana Preservation Alliance for the Big Arm School.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Lewis and Clark County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Lewis and Clark County. This includes 4111 walk-in visits, 23 remote requests and 125 photo orders from Lewis and Clark County residents (including 126 digital images for publication “Evelyn Cameron: Montana’s Frontier Photographer”).
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Gold West Country Regional Conference, “*Documenting the Golden Treasures of Our Past*” will be held in Clancy, Montana, February 2, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided 35 educational and training programs to residents of Lewis and Clark County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops. **Highlighted event:** Beyond Borders and Boundaries: David Thompson and the North American Fur Trade Conference, June 15-16, 2007. International celebration of bicentennial. Attended by local, state, regional and international guests.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and records offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (24 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Lewis and Clark County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (72 donations/acquisitions) **High lighted item:** Naturalization records for Lewis and Clark County, 1930-1941; Donna Metcalf donation of 2088 photographic prints, 89 film negatives, and 85 color slides of Senator Lee Metcalf regarding his life, family and work.

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 168 research requests to residents and organizations of Lewis and Clark county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 2342 individuals from Lewis and Clark County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 1415 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Lewis and Clark County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 2 schools in Lewis and Clark County.
- Two special programs were developed and presented partnering with Joe Anderson, Lewis and Clark IEFA Coach. This provided the Senior classes of Helena High and Capital High an introduction to Native American Culture and Government. There were approx 400 students served by this program.
- There are 11 new National Register signs in Lewis and Clark County: 229 Spencer, Helena RR Depot Historic District, Spalding-Gunn House, Alex C. Johnson Home, Fisk Residence, Boyer-Hawkins Residence, Pope House, George Grossberg Residence, Placer Hotel, Edward C. Babcock mansion, and Joseph E. Allen Livery.
- MHS Historical Interpreter Ellen Baumler gave presentations to 2324 individuals in Lewis and Clark County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 36 new reports of cultural resource studies in Lewis & Clark County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- SHPO staff provided preservation expertise and made on-site invited visits to various Lewis & Clark County project sites including the Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds, the Lewis & Clark City-County Building, Fort Harrison, Stewart Homes (Helena), the East Helena Smelter site, and the Sun Canyon Lodge (Augusta).
- There are 1672 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Lewis & Clark County.
- In the past two years, 12 new archaeological and 83 new historic sites in Lewis & Clark County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 61 properties, including several Helena historic districts, in Lewis & Clark County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. New property listings in 2007-2008 are: *Robert and Elizabeth Fisk Residence* (listed on 1/17/2007), *Alice Creek Historic District* (listed on 6/6/2007), *Francis and Hannah Pope House* (listed on 6/27/2007), and the *Charles A. Broadwater House* (listed on 8/27/2008).
- Miki Wilde of Helena has been a public member of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board since 2008. The Review Board approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning.
- SHPO staff advised the Helena-Lewis & Clark County Historic Preservation Commission on National Register nominations for Le Grande Canon Boulevard and the Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds Racetrack in Helena.
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Helena-Lewis & Clark County receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Paul Putz is the current local historic preservation officer.
- \$11,500 in matching SHPO funding was awarded to the Helena-Lewis & Clark CLG program in Lewis & Clark County in 2007-2008.
- Helena and Lewis & Clark County are also designated *Preserve America* communities eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- SHPO hosted the 2007 biennial Preservation Awards Ceremony at the Myrna Loy Center in Helena on January 17, 2007.
- SHPO also co-organized and sponsored the 5th Annual Montana Preservation Workshop in conjunction with the Montana History Conference in Helena, October 18-20, 2007.
- Rolene Schliesman, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator presented “A History of Montana Architectural Styles” and Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, presented “Historic Preservation Incentives” in Helena as public talks during Historic Preservation Month in May 2007. Rolene also presented “Neighborhood Conservation” in May 2008.
- Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, led a week-long Elderhostel volunteer work force in maintenance work at Reeder’s Alley in Helena, June 23-27, 2008.
- To the enjoyment of many local students, Damon Murdo, SHPO Cultural Records Manager, and Kate Hampton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, participated in the 2007 and 2008 Helena PEAK student enrichment programs with presentations on “What is Forensic Archaeology?” and “How to Study a Historic Building.”
- An estimated 850 local and neighboring county students also attended activities of the popular Montana Historical Society *Archaeology Day!*, organized by SHPO staff for September 6, 2007 and in 2008 on October 10.

- Kate Hampton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, guest-lectured about historic preservation to a class in Public History at the University of Montana, Helena College of Technology (January 2008).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Liberty County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Liberty County
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Russell Country Regional Conference, “*Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get The Job Done!*” will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28th, 2009.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.

Education and Outreach

- 8 individuals from Liberty County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 69 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Liberty County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Chester Joplin School in Liberty County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed five new reports of cultural resource studies in Liberty County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 207 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Liberty County. No new properties have been added in 2007-2008.
- There are currently two properties in Liberty County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: *First Episcopal Methodist Church of Chester* (listed on 8/29/1997) and *the First State Bank of Chester* (listed on 8/29/1997).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Lincoln County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Lincoln County. This 29 includes walk-in visits, 6 remote requests, and 1 photo order from Lincoln County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** * training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Glacier Country Regional Conference Committee. “Changing Landscapes: A Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)” Conference will be held in Missoula, Montana, May 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided 3 educational and training programs to residents of Lincoln County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops. Highlighted event: oral history workshop and interviews regarding logging industry.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Lincoln to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (25 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research requests to residents and organizations of Lincoln county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 18 individuals from Lincoln County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 118 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Lincoln County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 4 schools in Lincoln County.
- There are 2 new National Register signs in Lincoln County: Troy Jail and Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bridge.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 27 new reports of cultural resource studies in Lincoln County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- Stan Wilmoth, SHPO State Archaeologist, participated in federal agency and tribal meetings for management of archaeological resources at Bristow Creek on Kootenai Reservoir in June 2008.
- Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, provided technical assistance and review for plans to renovate the 1904 Railroad Depot in Eureka.
- There are 1871 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Lincoln County.
- In the past two years, four new archaeological and 25 new historic sites in Lincoln County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.

- There are currently six properties in Lincoln County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed properties are: *Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bridge* (listed on 12/27/2006) and the *Troy Jail* (listed on 12/27/2006).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Madison County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Madison County. This includes 49 walk-in visits, 3 remote requests, and 1 photo order from Madison County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Gold West Country Regional Conference Committee. “*Documenting the Golden Treasures of Our Past*” Conference will be held in Columbus, Montana, February 2, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided 4 educational and training programs to residents of Madison County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops. **Highlighted event:** workshops with 4th to 8th grade students on Montana history as part of 2008 Virginia City History Camp.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (7 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Madison County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (4 donations/acquisitions)

Education and Outreach

- 125 individuals from Madison County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Twin Bridges and Ennis Schools in Madison County.
- MHS Historical Interpreter Ellen Baumler gave presentations to 191 individuals in Madison County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 38 new reports of cultural resource studies in Madison County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- SHPO staff work closely with the Montana Heritage Commission in the planning and execution of historic restoration projects in the Virginia City National Historic Landmark.
- There are 1922 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Madison County.
- In the past two years, 26 new archaeological and 28 new historic sites in Madison County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 17 properties, including the Virginia City Historic District National Historic Landmark, in Madison County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. Among the new properties listed in the period 2007-2008 is the *Ferris/Hermesmyer/Fenton Ranch* (listed 1/9/2008).
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Virginia City receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. George Means is the current local historic preservation officer.

- Virginia City is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$36,145 in SHPO funding was awarded to preservation efforts and projects in Madison County in 2007-2008. This includes \$11,000 support for the Virginia City CLG program, \$14,645 in SHPO *Preserve America* project funding, a \$500 travel scholarship to the 2008 Montana History Conference, and \$10,000 towards the rehabilitation and nomination to the National Register of the Ferris-Fenton Homestead and barn.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in McCone County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of McCone County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Missouri River Country Regional Conference, “Celebrating Counties and Communities” will be held in Sidney, Montana, May 1-2, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided ____ educational and training programs to residents of McCone County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).

Education and Outreach

- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Circle Schools in McCone County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed seven new reports of cultural resource studies in McCone County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 351 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for McCone County.
- In the past two years, 20 new archaeological and 21 new historic sites in McCone County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are two properties in McCone County currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *Gladstone Hotel* (listed on 8/28/1980) and the *Lewis & Clark (aka Wolf Point) Bridge* (listed on 11/24/1997).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Meagher County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Meagher County. This includes 19 walk-in visits and 1 photo order from Meagher County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Russell Country Regional Conference, “*Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get The Job Done!*” will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28th, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training programs to residents of Meagher County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (5 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Meagher County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (5 donations/acquisitions)

Education and Outreach

- 142 individuals from Meagher County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 350 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Meagher County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Martinsdale School in Meagher County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed six new reports of cultural resource studies in Meagher County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 562 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Meagher County.
- In the past two years, 19 new historic sites in Meagher County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are four properties in Meagher County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. These are *Fort Logan and Bunkhouse* (listed on 10/06/1970), *Byron Sherman House* (listed on 9/15/1977), *Wellman Block* (listed on 3/7/1994), and the *Union League of America Hall* (listed on 8/20/1998).
- In 2007-2008, SHPO staff worked closely with White Sulphur Springs in a window rehabilitation project for the “Castle” as well as proposed historic inventory and nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Mineral County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Mineral County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Glacier Country Regional Conference, “Changing Landscapes” will be held in Missoula, Montana, May 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Mineral County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (6 donations/acquisitions)

Education and Outreach

- 45 individuals from Mineral County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 10 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Mineral County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Alberton School in Mineral County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed two new reports of cultural resource studies in Mineral County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 348 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Mineral County.
- In the past two years, one new archaeological and one new historic site in Mineral County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 13 properties in Mineral County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Gildersleeve Mine* (listed on 6/26/2002). SHPO provides technical assistance to Mineral County in a preservation agreement for the Gildersleeve property.
- Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, participated in a two-day hands-on workshop on historic concrete bridge rehabilitation at the Savenac Nursery near Superior in September 2007.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Missoula County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Missoula County. This includes 268 walk-in visits, 47 remote requests, and 34 photograph orders from Missoula County (including 77 scans of Montana dams for a Heritage Research Center historical research project; and 62 image prints orders for an article by Bill Knowles regarding Montana Pioneer Broadcasters to be published in *Drumlummon Views* online magazine).
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Glacier Country Regional Conference Committee. “Changing Landscapes: A Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)” Conference will be held in Missoula, Montana, May 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided 4 educational and training programs to residents of Missoula County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops. **Highlighted event:** Staff presentation and support for 2008 Montana Indian Education Association Conference.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (52 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Missoula County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (18 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 27 research requests to residents and organizations of Missoula county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 142 individuals from Missoula County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 309 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Missoula County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 6 schools in Missoula County.
- There are 5 new National Register signs in Missoula County Beacom Residence, Fort Missoula Historic District, T-1 Headquarters, church of the Holy Spirit, McCaffery’s Furnished Rooms.
- MHS Historical Interpreter Ellen Baumler gave presentations to 222 individuals in Missoula County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 16 new reports of cultural resource studies in Missoula County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- Upon request, SHPO Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth and National Register Coordinator Kate Hampton presented cultural resource awareness workshops to employees of Plum Creek Timber Company (Missoula) and Stimson Lumber Company (Bonner) in April 2007.

- SHPO Mark Baumler and Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown worked closely with the City of Missoula and the Governor's Office in resolving issues with federal preservation grant funding for the Missoula Art Museum project.
- There are 855 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO, in conjunction with the University of Montana, Department of Anthropology, for Missoula County.
- In the past two years, two new archaeological and 32 new historic sites in Missoula County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 74 properties, including several Missoula historic districts, in Missoula County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. Among the new properties listed in the period of 2007-2008 is the *Roxy Theater, University Area Historic District Addendum II* (listed on 8/29/2008).
- Rosalyn LaPier (Traditional Cultural Specialist), Paul Filicetti (Historic Architect), and Dr. H. Rafael Chacon (Architectural Historian) of Missoula County are all members of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board. The Review Board approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning.
- SHPO organized a State Historic Preservation Review Board at Fort Missoula on June 27, 2008, during which an expansion of the Fort Missoula Historic District boundary was approved.
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Missoula receives annual matching financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Philip Maechling is the current local historic preservation officer.
- Missoula is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$65,280 in SHPO funding was awarded to preservation efforts and projects in Missoula County in 2007-2008. This includes \$11,500 matching support for the Missoula CLG program and three separate SHPO *Preserve America* project grants totaling \$53,780 to support historic inventory, the production of walking tour brochures, website development, and the forthcoming 2009 Experience Missoula Heritage Festival.
- An additional \$49,007 in SHPO funding in 2007-2008 was provided in support of the Site Records Office of the Department of Anthropology, University of Montana in partnership management of the State Inventory and Antiquities Database. This money provides employment and experience for graduate students in management of the cultural records.
- For their volunteer contributions to historic preservation in the Missoula Ranger District, Jack Fisher and Gene Thompson received 2007 Montana Historic Preservation Awards from Lt. Governor John Bohlinger at the biennial Preservation Awards Ceremony hosted by SHPO in Helena on January 17, 2007.
- SHPO staff regularly gave invited lectures in both 2007 and 2008 to several Anthropology and Historic Preservation classes at the University of Montana, Missoula.
- SHPO worked with historic building owners in their applications for Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits resulting in a \$46,462 rehab of Zip Auto and the \$2,700,000 rehab of the First National Bank in Missoula.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Musselshell County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Musselshell County. This includes 5 walk-in visits and 5 remote requests from Musselshell County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Custer Country Regional Conference, “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, 2008.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 requests).

Education and Outreach

- 88 individuals from Musselshell County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Roundup and Melstone Schools in Musselshell County
- There is 1 new National Register signs in Musselshell County: Roundup Central School
- MHS Historical Interpreter Ellen Baumler gave presentations to 12 individuals in Musselshell County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 19 new reports of cultural resource studies in Musselshell County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 568 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Musselshell County.
- In the past two years, six new archaeological and 14 new historic sites in Musselshell County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are two properties in Musselshell County currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. They are *St. Benedict's Catholic School* (listed on 7/21/1988) and the *Roundup Central School* (listed on 12/6/2007).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Park County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Park County. This includes 61 walk-in visits, 6 remote requests, and 5 photograph orders from Park County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Yellowstone Country Regional Conference Committee. *“Digging Up Treasure: Preserving Your Past Through Objects and Oral History”* Conference will be held in Columbus, Montana, April 24-25, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided 2 educational and training programs to residents of Park County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Park County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (3 donations/acquisitions) **Highlighted collection:** 9 b & w photographs of 1938 Milwaukee Road train derailment near Saugus, Montana.

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Park county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Over 1,000 people saw 1 MHS traveling exhibit in Park County.

Education and Outreach

- 197 individuals from Park County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Springdale and Shields Schools in Park County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 13 new reports of cultural resource studies in Park County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 840 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Park County.
- In the past two years, 11 new archaeological and 30 new historic sites in Park County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 23 properties in Park County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed properties are the *OTO Homestead and Dude Ranch* (listed on 10/12/2004) and the *John Hepburn Place* (listed on 10/19/2005).
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Livingston receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Jim Woodhull serves as the current local historic preservation officer.

- Livingston is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$21,000 in SHPO funding was awarded to preservation efforts and projects in Park County in 2007-2008. This included \$11,000 in matching support of the Livingston CLG program and \$10,000 towards historic barn rehabilitation and National Register nomination of the Chicken Creek Ranch near Clyde Park.
- SHPO Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth and Cultural Records Manager Damon Murdo assisted the Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation in archaeological survey near Livingston in September, 2007.
- SHPO is also working with the owners of the Truex Building and Montana Block in their application for Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Petroleum County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Petroleum County. This includes 2 walk-in visits and 2 photograph orders by Petroleum County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** * training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Russell Country Regional Conference Committee. *Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get The Job Done!* Conference will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28th, 2009.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and records offices.

Education and Outreach

- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Winnett Schools in Petroleum County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 15 new reports of cultural resource studies in Petroleum County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 399 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Petroleum County.
- In the past two years, one new historic site in Petroleum County has been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There is currently one property in Petroleum County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *Winnett School* (listed on 4/6/1995).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Phillips County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Phillips County. This includes walk-in visits by 12 patrons from Phillips County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Missouri River Country Regional Conference, “Celebrating Counties and Communities” will be held in Sidney, Montana, May 1-2, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training programs to residents of Phillips County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (6 requests).

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research requests to residents and organizations of Phillips county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone
- Over 1500 people saw one of MHS traveling exhibits in Phillips County

Education and Outreach

- 41 individuals from Phillips County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 30 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Phillips County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 4 schools in Phillips County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 171 new reports of cultural resource studies in Phillips County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 3697 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Phillips County.
- In the past two years, 163 new archaeological and 21 new historic sites in Phillips County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are four properties in Phillips County currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. These are the *Earl Clack Service Station in Saco* (listed on 8/16/1994), *Philips County Carnegie Library, Malta* (listed on 8/27/1980), *Saco Mercantile* (listed on 12/08/1997), and the *Sleeping Buffalo Rock* (listed on 5/17/1996).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Pondera County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Pondera County. This includes 4 walk-in visits, 5 remote requests, and 1 photograph order from Pondera County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Russell Country Regional Conference, “*Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get The Job Done!*” will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28th, 2009.
- The Research Center staff provided 2 educational and training programs to residents of Pondera County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (3 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Pondera County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (2 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 6 research requests to residents and organizations of Pondera County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.

Education and Outreach

- 60 individuals from Pondera County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 532 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Pondera County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Conrad School in Pondera County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed seven new reports of cultural resource studies in Pondera County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 160 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Pondera County.
- In the past two years, four new archaeological and two new historic sites in Pondera County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are currently four properties in Pondera County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. They are the *Conrad City Hall* (listed on 2/1/1980), *Froggie’s Stopping Place on the Whoop-Up Trail* (listed on 4/15/1993), the *Two Medicine Fight Site* (listed on 10/06/1970), and the *Valier Public School* (listed on 3/28/1985).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Powder River County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Powder River County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Custer Country Regional Conference, “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁸.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (3 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Powder River County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation/acquisition)

Education and Outreach

- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Miami Elementary and Powder River County High School in Powder River County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 15 new reports of cultural resource studies in Powder River County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 2014 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Powder River County.
- In the past two years, 85 new archaeological and 23 new historic sites in Powder River County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There is one property in Powder River County currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: *Cross Ranch Headquarters* (listed on 2/23/1996).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Powell County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Powell County. This includes walk-in visits by 46 patrons from Powell County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** * training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Gold West Country Regional Conference Committee. “*Documenting the Golden Treasures of Our Past*” Conference will be held in Clancy, Montana, February 2, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training programs to residents of Powell County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Added collection materials from or about Powell County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (3 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 5 research requests to residents and organizations of Powell county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 199 individuals from Powell County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 5 schools in Powell County.
- MHS Historical Interpreter Ellen Baumler gave presentations to 100 individuals in Powell County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 18 new reports of cultural resource studies in Powell County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 762 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Powell County.
- In the past two years, two new archaeological and 64 new historic sites in Powell County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 55 properties in Powell County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The *Deer Lodge Central Business District*, comprised of 45 contributing downtown buildings, was most recently listed on August 13, 2008.
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Deer Lodge receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Kirby Matthew is the current local historic preservation officer.
- \$11,000 in SHPO funding was awarded in 2007-2008 to the preservation efforts of the Deer Lodge CLG program.

- In 2007 SHPO staff assisted the Montana Department of Transportation in the excavation of an 8,000 year old archaeological site outside Helmville.
- SHPO staff worked closely with Powell County in the acquisition from the state of the historic Fitzpatrick Ranch on Nevada Lake and are currently helping to find funding for needed preservation work.
- SHPO staff are also working closely with architects in the restoration of the Rialto Theater.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Prairie County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Powell County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Custer Country Regional Conference, “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁸.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training programs to residents of Powell County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops. **Highlighted events:** Jennifer Thompson provided on-site consultation for Prairie County Museum regarding Evelyn Cameron photographs and ongoing efforts to identify negatives (funded via C & A grant). She also gave public programs regarding the Cameron collection.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).
- Added collection materials from or about Prairie County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (3 donations/acquisitions)

Education and Outreach

- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Terry School in Prairie County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 31 new reports of cultural resource studies in Prairie County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 352 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Prairie County.
- In the past two years, six new historic sites in Prairie County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There is currently one property in Prairie County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: *Grandey Elementary School, Terry* (listed on 11/16/1978).
- Terry is a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$10,000 in SHPO *Preserve America* funding was awarded to Terry in 2007 for the preparation a 52 page heritage brochure entitled “Welcome to Prairie County” and for two self-guided trail tours.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Ravalli County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Ravalli County. This includes 25 walk-in visits, 12 remote requests, and 3 photograph orders from Ravalli County residents (including 15 copy prints for classroom use in Corvallis Middle School).
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** * training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Glacier Country Regional Conference Committee. “Changing Landscapes: A Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)” Conference will be held in Missoula, Montana, May 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided 2 educational and training programs to residents of Ravalli County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Ravalli County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation/acquisition)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Ravalli county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 261 individuals from Ravalli County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 656 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Ravalli County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 4 schools in Ravalli County.
- There are 4 new National Register signs in Ravalli County: Burns Block, Roberts Building, Brennen House, Dudley Residence.
- MHS Historical Interpreter Ellen Baumler gave presentations to 120 individuals in Ravalli County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 14 new reports of cultural resource studies in Ravalli County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 674 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Ravalli County.
- In the past two years, one new archaeological and 14 new historic sites in Ravalli County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 84 properties in Ravalli County, especially in Hamilton and Stevensville, listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed properties are the *Methodist Episcopal Church* (listed on 11/24/1997) and the *Summers-Quast Farmstead* (listed on 12/30/1997), both in Corvallis.

- Don Matlock of Hamilton has been a public member of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board since 2005. The Review Board approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning.
- SHPO organized the meeting of the State Historic Preservation Review Board at the Daly Mansion in Hamilton in June 2008.
- Stevensville is a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- A \$1,637 SHPO *Preserve America* grant was awarded to Stevensville in 2008 in support of Chief Victor Days.
- SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown helped lead a week-long volunteer restoration project of the Whaley Homestead on the Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge in July 2008.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Richland County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Richland County. This includes 4 walk-in visits, 4 remote requests, and 2 photograph orders from Richland County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Missouri River Country Regional Conference Committee. “Celebrating Counties and Communities” Conference will be held in Sidney, Montana, May 1-2, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training programs to residents of Richland County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops. Highlighted event: Staff provided on-site consultation to Mondak Historical Society regarding archival care of negatives.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (11 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Richland County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation/acquisition)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research requests to residents and organizations of Richland county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Over 1000 people saw 1 MHS traveling exhibit in Richland County.

Education and Outreach

- 131 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Richland County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 3 Schools in Richland County.
- There is 1 new sign in Richland County: Baue Homestead

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 37 new reports of cultural resource studies in Richland County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 373 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Richland County.
- In the past two years, seven new archaeological and 32 new historic sites in Richland County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are currently two properties in Richland County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *People’s Congregational Church in Sidney* (listed on 4/30/1982) and the *Burgess Garage in Lambert* (listed on 12/30/2004).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Roosevelt County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Roosevelt County. This includes 4 walk-in visits 4 remote requests and 1 photograph order from Roosevelt County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Missouri River Country Regional Conference, “Celebrating Counties and Communities” will be held in Sidney, Montana, May 1-2, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (12 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Roosevelt County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (2 donations/acquisitions)

Education and Outreach

- 106 individuals from Roosevelt County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 5 schools in Roosevelt County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 45 new reports of cultural resource studies in Roosevelt County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 536 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Roosevelt County.
- In the past two years, 28 new archaeological and 21 new historic sites in Roosevelt County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are four properties in Roosevelt County currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. They are *Hale’s Filling Station and Grocery in Bainville* (listed on 8/16/1994), *the Lewis & Clark (aka Wolf Point) Bridge* (listed on 11/24/1997), *Fort Peck Agency in Poplar* (listed 5/19/1970), and the *Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Landmark* (listed on July 4, 1961).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Rosebud County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Rosebud County (including 16 copy prints for Rosebud County Fair Board for fair exhibit).
- **Montana County History Initiative** (see introduction for more information) training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Custer Country Regional Conference Committee. “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” Conference was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁸.
- The Research Center staff provided 3 educational and training programs to residents of Rosebud County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 2 research requests to residents and organizations of Rosebud County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Over 700 people saw 1 MHS traveling exhibit in Rosebud County.

Education and Outreach

- 8 individuals from Rosebud County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 25 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Rosebud County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Rosebud public schools and Forsyth in Rosebud County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 26 new reports of cultural resource studies in Rosebud County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 1763 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Rosebud County.
- In the past two years, eight new archaeological and 21 new historic sites in Rosebud County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 19 properties in Rosebud County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. Among the new properties listed in the period 2007-2008 is the *St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Rosebud* (listed on 11/20/2007). *Wolf Mountains Battlefield (Where Big Crow Walked Back and Forth)* was also designated Montana's newest National Historic Landmark on October 6, 2008.
- In October 2008, SHPO State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth attended the Northern Cheyenne ceremony in recognition of the Wolf Mountain and Rosebud Battlefields NHLs.

- Donna Coate of Forsyth is a public member of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board since 2008. The Review Board approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning.
- A \$5,500 grant from the Montana Historical Society Sobotka Trust helped support archaeological excavations by Montana State University at Horseshoe Cave in Rosebud County.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Sanders County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Sanders County. This includes 9 walk-in visits and 3 remote requests from Sanders County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Glacier Country Regional Conference, “Changing Landscapes” will be held in Missoula, Montana, May 7-8, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training programs to residents of Sanders County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).
- Added collection materials from or about Prairie County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation/acquisition)

Education and Outreach

- 39 individuals from Sanders County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 178 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Sanders County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 4 schools in Sanders County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed five new reports of cultural resource studies in Sanders County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- SHPO works closely with the CSKT Tribal Historic Preservation Office for projects on the Flathead Reservation. In October 2008, SHPO Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth visited sensitive rock art in the Perma area with MDT Archaeologist Steve Platt and tribal representatives.
- There are 568 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Sanders County.
- In the past two years, 13 new historic sites in Sanders County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 21 properties in Sanders County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. Recently listed properties include the *Bull River Guard Station* (listed on 6/27/1990) and the *Symes Hotel in Hot Springs* (listed 11/12/1998).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Sheridan County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Sheridan County. This includes 3 walk-in visits and 2 remote requests from Sheridan County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Missouri River Country Regional Conference Committee. “Celebrating Counties and Communities” Conference will be held in Sidney, Montana, May 1-2, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (6 requests).

Education and Outreach

- 11 individuals from Sheridan County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Plentywood Schools in Sheridan County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed eight new reports of cultural resource studies in Sheridan County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 758 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Sheridan County.
- In the past two years, one new historic site in Sheridan County has been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are eight properties in Sheridan County currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed properties are the *Comertown Historic District* (listed on 10/27/1993) and the *Thornwood School near Reserve* (listed on 10/28/1993).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Silver Bow County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Silver Bow County. This includes 101 walk-in visits, 10 remote requests, and 8 photograph orders from Silver Bow County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Gold West Country Regional Conference, “*Documenting the Golden Treasures of Our Past*” will be held in Clancy, Montana, February 2, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided 5 educational and training programs to residents of Silver Bow County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Added collection materials from or about Silver Bow County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (8 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 6 research requests to residents and organizations of Silver Bow county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 137 individuals from Silver Bow County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 225 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Silver Bow County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Melrose and Butte High School in Silver Bow County.
- There are 15 new National Register signs in Silver Bow County: (11 not NR signs); Gamer Residence, Chope Residence, M&M Cigar Store, Orphan Girl Mine Site, Passmore Residence, Hawke Residence, John Davis Home, 817 West Galena, 409 West Boardman, 414 West granite, Mountain View parsonage, Galbraith Residence, 302 N. Crystal, Richmond Apartments, George Dent’s Barbershop, Waste Dumps, discovery Hole and Exposed Ore Vein, Cages, Getting Ore, Headframe, Blacksmith Shop, Powder House, Timber Slide, and Carpenter Shop Foundation, Shaft, Chippy House and Turnsheets, Original Mine Entrance, The dry and Boiler/Incinerator

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed eight new reports of cultural resource studies in Silver Bow County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 654 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Silver Bow County.
- In the past two years, one new archaeological and 32 new historic sites in Silver Bow County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 14 properties, including the Butte-Anaconda Historic District National Historic Landmark, in Silver Bow County that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State

Historic Preservation Office. New properties listed in the period 2007-2008 are the *Parrot Mine Shops Complex Historic District* (listed on 1/9/2007).

- The Butte-Anaconda Historic District NHL, with over 6,000 individual contributing resources, is the nation's largest urban National Historic Landmark west of the Mississippi.
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Butte-Silver Bow County receives annual matching financial (\$5,500) and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Charles Carrig in the Butte Planning Department is the current local historic preservation officer.
- Butte-Silver Bow is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$71,620 in SHPO funding was awarded in 2007-2008 in support of preservation efforts and projects in Silver Bow County as follows: \$11,000 in support of the Butte-Silver Bow County CLG program; \$500 travel scholarship to the 2008 Montana History Conference; \$1,000 assistance for the nomination of the Parrot Mine Historic District to the National Register; \$7,000 sponsorship of the 2009 Vernacular Architecture Forum Conference to be held in Butte; and four separate SHPO *Preserve America* project grants totaling \$52,120 for developing hands-on workshops, producing heritage publications and conducting new historic survey and inventory.
- Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, participated in the annual Butte *Dust to Dazzle* historic renovation tours in June 2008.
- SHPO is working with the owners of the historic Hennessey Building Annex in their application for Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits. The project will provide housing in downtown Butte.
- Rolene Schliesman, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator, has served for two years as co-chairman in the selection and planning of the national 2009 Vernacular Architecture Forum conference to be held in Butte in May 2009.
- The SHPO continues to provide technical support to Butte under a programmatic agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency to substitute state with local review of impacts of Superfund clean-up activities on historic resources along the Upper Clark Fork.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Stillwater County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Stillwater County. This includes 3 walk-in visits, 3 remote requests, and 1 photograph order from Stillwater County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** * training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Yellowstone Country Regional Conference Committee. *“Digging Up Treasure: Preserving Your Past Through Objects and Oral History”* Conference will be held in Columbus, Montana, April 24-25, 2009.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (10 requests).

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research requests to residents and organizations of Stillwater county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 42 individuals from Stillwater County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 139 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Stillwater County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 4 schools in Stillwater County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed eight new reports of cultural resource studies in Stillwater County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 313 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Stillwater County.
- In the past two years, six new archaeological and three new historic sites in Stillwater County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are currently eight properties in Stillwater County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed properties are the *4K Ranch near Dean* (listed on 2/14/2002) and the *Halfway House in Columbus* (listed on 2/21/2002).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Sweet Grass County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Sweet Grass County. This includes 5 walk-in visits, 3 remote requests, and 1 photograph order from Sweet Grass County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Yellowstone Country Regional Conference, “*Digging Up Treasure: Preserving Your Past Through Objects and Oral History*” will be held in Columbus, Montana, April 24-25, 2009.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Added collection materials from or about Sweet Grass County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation/acquisition)

Education and Outreach

- 108 individuals from Sweet Grass County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed six new reports of cultural resource studies in Sweet Grass County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 295 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Sweet Grass County.
- In the past two years, two new archaeological and three new historic sites in Sweet Grass County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are currently eight properties in Sweet Grass County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed properties are the *Waborn and Sarah E. Harrison Ranch House near Greycliff* (listed on 8/28/1998) and the *Carnegie Public Library in Big Timber* (listed on 7/11/2002).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Teton County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Teton County. This includes 18 walk-in visits and 3 remote requests from Teton County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Russell County Regional Conference, “*Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get The Job Done!*” will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28th, 2009.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (8 requests).

Education and Outreach

- 263 individuals from Teton County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 85 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Teton County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 5 schools in Teton County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed three new reports of cultural resource studies in Teton County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 439 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Teton County.
- In the past two years, two new archaeological and 16 new historic sites in Teton County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There is one property in Teton County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *Teton County Courthouse* (listed on 11/29/2006). The Teton County Courthouse was featured on the 2005 Montana Historic Preservation poster.
- Rebecca Hanna, Paleontologist, of Choteau is a member of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board since 2007. The Review Board approves nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and advises SHPO on preservation planning.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Toole County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Toole County.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Russell Country Regional Conference, “*Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get The Job Done!*” will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.

Education and Outreach

- 117 individuals from Toole County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 580 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Toole County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 3 schools in Toole County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 24 new reports of cultural resource studies in Toole County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 637 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Toole County.
- In the past two years, 131 new archaeological and 5 new historic sites in Toole County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are six properties in Toole County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Shelby Town Hall* (listed on 2/14/2006).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Treasure County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Treasure County. .
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Custer Country Regional Conference, “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, 2008.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.

Education and Outreach

- 17 individuals from Treasure County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Hysham School in Treasure County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed three new reports of cultural resource studies in Treasure County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 123 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Treasure County.
- In the past two years, two new historic sites in Treasure County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are currently two properties in Treasure County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *Sanders Gymnasium and Community Hall* (listed on 8/29/1997) and the *Yucca Theatre in Hysham* (listed on 1/7/1994).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Valley County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Valley County. This includes 7 walk-in visits, 10 remote requests, and 1 photograph order from Valley County residents (including 58 digital images of Sun Dance and Fool Dance ceremonies for use in Frazer Schools).
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** * training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Missouri River Country Regional Conference Committee. “Celebrating Counties and Communities” Conference will be held in Sidney, Montana, May 1-2, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training programs to residents of Valley County through presentations and workshops during the **2008 Montana History Conference, held in Glasgow.**
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (5 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Valley County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (2 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 3 research requests to residents and organizations of Valley county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone
- Over 700 people saw 1 MHS traveling exhibit in Valley County

Education and Outreach

- 99 individuals from Valley County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 27 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Valley County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 6 Schools in Valley County
- There are 2 new National Register signs in Valley County: Rundle Building, Fort Peck Hotel and Garage

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 33 new reports of cultural resource studies in Valley County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 1527 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Valley County.
- In the past two years, 49 new archaeological and 25 new historic sites in Valley County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 11 properties in Valley County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Rundle Building in Glasgow* (listed on 11/29/2006).

- \$2,744 of SHPO *Preserve America* funding supported the annual Montana History Conference and State Preservation Workshop held in Glasgow, October 16-18, 2008.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Wheatland County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Wheatland County. This includes 27 walk-in visits, and 2 photograph order from Wheatland County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** Russell Country Regional Conference, “*Preserving County History: The Resources You Need To Get The Job Done!*” will be held in Great Falls, Montana, March 28, ²⁰⁰⁹.
- The Research Center staff provided educational and training programs to residents of Wheatland County through presentations, consultations, tours, and/or workshops.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Added collection materials from or about Wheatland County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (1 donation/acquisition)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research requests to residents and organizations of Wheatland county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone

Education and Outreach

- 25 individuals from Wheatland County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 43 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Wheatland County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Harlowton Schools in Wheatland County

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed six new reports of cultural resource studies in Wheatland County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 223 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Wheatland County.
- In the past two years, five new historic sites in Wheatland County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are currently two properties in Wheatland County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *Graves Hotel in Harlowton* (listed on 8/6/1980) and the *Milwaukee Road Historic District in Harlowton* (listed on 7/8/1988).

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Wibaux County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Wibaux County. This includes walk-in visits by 4 patrons from Wibaux County.
- **Montana County History Initiative** (see introduction for more information) Custer Country Regional Conference, “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, 2008.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 requests).

Education and Outreach

- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to Wibaux Junior High School in Wibaux County.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 10 new reports of cultural resource studies in Wibaux County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 165 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Wibaux County.
- In the past two years, three new historic sites in Wibaux County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are four properties in Wibaux County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the Vogt-Nunberg Farm near Wibaux (listed on 4/10/2008). The Vogt-Nunberg Farm received a 2006 SHPO rural property brick-and-mortar grant (“barn grant”) for \$5,000 to make repairs and improvements. In 2007, an additional \$2,500 SHPO grant supported research for the listing in the National Register.

Montana Historical Society

Recent Services Provided in Yellowstone County

Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to numerous genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Yellowstone County. This includes 97 walk-in visits, 54 remote requests, and 11 photograph orders from Yellowstone County residents.
- **Montana County History Initiative (see introduction for more information)** training, funding, and educational resources provided to members of the Custer Country Regional Conference Committee. “*Celebrating Counties and Communities in Southeastern Montana*” Conference was held in Forsyth, Montana, November 7-8, 2008.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorders offices.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (13 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Yellowstone County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps. (13 donations/acquisitions)

Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 11 research requests to residents and organizations of Yellowstone county on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Over 700 people saw 2 MHS traveling exhibits in Yellowstone County

Education and Outreach

- 356 individuals from Yellowstone County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors Mansion and the Museum.
- 361 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Yellowstone County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, to 3 schools in Yellowstone County.
- There are 3 new National Register signs in Yellowstone County: Dan Davis House, George L. Tracy Building, Harold and Marion Ruth Residence.

Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office received and reviewed 20 new reports of cultural resource studies in Yellowstone County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- There are 969 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Yellowstone County.
- In the past two years, two new archaeological and 15 new historic sites in Yellowstone County have been recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 30 properties, including several Billings historic districts, in Yellowstone County listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. Two new properties in Billings were listed in the period 2007-2008: *Black Otter Trail* (listed on 1/5/2007) and the *Harold and Marion Ruth Residence* (listed on 6/21/2007).
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Billings-Yellowstone County receives annual matching financial and technical

support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Lora Mattox of Billings is the current local historic preservation officer.

- Billings is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- \$37,568 in SHPO funding was awarded to preservation efforts and projects in 2007-2008 in Yellowstone County. This includes \$11,000 in support of the Billings-Yellowstone County CLG program and a \$26,568 SHPO *Preserve America* grant for historic survey in Billings and Laurel.
- Rolene Schliesman, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator, presented a preservation workshop at the Western Heritage Center in October 2007 and met with the Billings Preservation Society in November 2008.
- Kate Hampton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, led a National Register public workshop in Billings on May 20, 2008.
- In 2007-2008, SHPO assisted several property owners in Billings with their application for the 20% Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits. Successful projects include: the L&L Building (\$647,138 rehabilitation); the Masonic Building (\$1,026,349 rehabilitation); and the Oliver Building (\$2,140,000 rehabilitation). We are currently working with the owners of the Swift Building in their application for tax credits.